Minutes

To: Human Services Committee

From: Judy Casperson, Chairperson

Date: January 25, 2012

Subject: Human Services Committee Meeting

In Attendance: Judy Casperson, Shari Cantor, Denise Hall, Burke Doar, Ron Van Winkle, Jim Capodiece, Susan Huleatt, Ed Sanady

The Human Services Committee met on Monday, January 23, 2012, at 5:00 p.m., in Town Hall, Room 312, to discuss the following:

AGENDA

1. Art League lease

The administration discussed the history of the Art League lease of the two building at the Buena Vista Golf Course. The Art League has leased the Salt Box Gallery for more than forty years. The lease of the building for an additional ten years was discussed and it was recommended that the lease be tabled until the committee or the Council has the opportunity to meet with the Art League staff.

2. CDBG funding

In FY2011 the town received \$1.2 million in funding from the federal government through the Community Development Block Grant allocation. In FY2012 that funding dropped to \$1 million. We have been notified by HUD that the funding will fall to \$800,000 in FY2013. These grants provide funding for the Volunteer Coordinator, HANOC and our Housing Rehabilitation Program among other things.

3. Nonprofit funding requests

The Town Manager discussed the requests for funding received from outside agencies that will be part of the FY2013 budget. The town's budget allocates approximately \$123,000 to fund these agencies in the FY2012 budget.

4. Social Service update

Jim Capodiece reviewed recent social services activities with particular emphasis on the energy assistance program. This program provides energy assistance to low income families through CRT. This federal funding has been reduced and is expected to impinge upon our ability to fund the expected need.